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## First State Bank

(Successors to W. S. Turck & Co.)  
**Capital, \$30,000.00**  
**Surplus, 13,000.00**

A. W. WRIGHT, President.  
Wm. S. TURCK, Vice-President.  
ELY BREWSTER, Cashier.  
C. O. WARD, Asst. Cashier.

A General Banking Business transacted, 3 per cent. paid on time certificates of deposit.  
We solicit your business.

## The Alma State Savings Bank

ALMA, MICH.  
**Capital, \$25,000.00**  
**Surplus, 7,000.00**

William A. Bahke, President.  
F. B. Hathaway, Vice-President.  
Geo. W. Moore, Cashier.

Respectfully solicits the patronage of the public and offers all liberalities consistent with good banking.

Interest paid on certificates of deposits remaining three months.

Safety Deposit Boxes to rent.

**DR. F. G. OLP,**  
DENTIST.  
**Teeth Extracted Without Pain.**  
New Pollasky Block.

## Dr. W. Kelly,

... Dentist ...  
Filling and preserving the natural Teeth, Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty.  
Artificial Teeth, \$4. \$6 \$8 per set.  
TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN.  
OFFICE: Opera House Block, ALMA, MICH.

## SWIGART & BANSIL,

Real Estate and Insurance Agent.

Village and farm property for sale. Some choice vacant lots for sale. Office over State Savings Bank, Alma.

## General Insurance...

Aetna, Hartford, German American, Pennsylvania, Detroit, Westchester, U. S. Health & Accident, N. E. Mutual Life.

## W. W. KINCH,

Agent.  
Office in Alma's Public Building.  
Telephone 123.  
Pension Attorney and Notary Public.

Roller Mills  
Isk. says  
Good

**FLOUR**  
**White**  
**Wholesome**  
**Nutritious**

Costs no more and is better than other flour of the same grade.

Ask Your Grocer For  
"Alma Patent," "Arcade," "Bakers," "Rye Flour," "Buckwheat Flour," "Graham Flour," "Whole Wheat Flour," "Wheat Grits," "Corn Meal," "Cracked Wheat."

## INSURANCE.

**John D. Spinney,**  
Pollasky Bldg., Phone No. 85

## P. W. Greaser

Real Estate and Insurance.  
Money to Loan. Office, Pollasky Bldg.

## DON'T BREAK YOUR BACK

pulling beans by hand or soil your most profitable crop harvesting them with an interior machine when you can obtain the genuine "Patent Miller Bean Harvester" at no greater cost than imitations. Be sure and see that the name "Leroy Flow Company" is stenciled on the machine you buy. The new steel wheels make light draft. For sale by J. W. Holmes & Son, Alma.

## HON. CHARLES A. BLAIR,

The Well and Favorably Known Jackson Man Whom the Republicans Will Re-elect Attorney General of Michigan.

HON. Charles A. Blair was born in Jackson, Michigan, in 1854. His father was Austin Blair, the famous "War Governor" of Michigan. He studied law in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He was elected to the office of attorney general of Michigan in 1902



by a large majority, and his record in that office is an enviable one.

Besides this he has been prosecuting attorney of Jackson county, and in 1881 was appointed city attorney for the city of Jackson. He was also elected a member of the school board in September 1901 and has held several other minor offices.

Mr. Blair is well qualified for this responsible position and has made a popular attorney general. He is a favorite among the members of the Michigan bar and

the indications are that he will be re-elected on November 8 by a handsome majority. His home is in Jackson.

## THE CENSUS OF HOME INDUSTRIES.

Is Being Taken in Alma This Week.

SIXTY-THREE MEN WORKING THE STATE.

Government Agents Working in Conjunction with State Officials.

A census of the manufactures of Alma began Monday morning when Mr. Geo. W. Moulton, from Lansing, arrived in the city.

This state has been divided into eleven districts, and every district has a varying number of agents to take the census there being 63 employed for the state of Michigan. Mr. Moulton was in Ithaca last week, and from here he goes to St. Louis, then on through his district of the state.

The object of this census is to gather complete statistics relating to the manufacturers of the state in relation to factory products only. The items called for in this census are, organization, capital invested, number of salaried employees and their salary, average number of wage earners and wages, miscellaneous expenses, cost of supplies and materials, value of products and power.

As soon as the statistics for the state are entirely completed they will be published, showing the census of the manufactures of the state. The publication of the census statistics will be made, however, in such a way as to prevent disclosure of the operation of any industrial establishment.

This census will under the United States law, be taken every ten years, beginning with 1905, but the state law of Michigan requires the census of this state to begin with 1904, so for this reason Michigan is the only state that will be taken this year.

Mr. Moulton will be here about three days. It will take several months for the reports of the entire state to be made out, consequently it will be some time before being published and placed in the hands of the people.

## GOOD R. F. D. SHOWING.

Report for Month of July of Mail Handled and Stamps Sold.

Postmaster C. F. Brown hands us the following report of the business done by the R. F. D. routes running out of Alma for the month of July, which is a very creditable showing. The footings show 39,290 pieces of mail delivered, 4005 pieces collected, and \$89.13 worth of stamp sold.

Route	Del.	Col.	Stamps sold
Lester Thomas	1	9609	285
Wm. Latimer	2	9130	973
H. E. Becker	3	11851	1063
Eugene Taylor	4	8418	1185

These carriers travel twenty miles or more daily and serve 100 families or more. Under the new ruling two Alma carriers, those on routes Nos. 3 and 4, will receive an increase of \$18 a year, making each a salary of \$720.

## FREE MAIL DELIVERY TO EVERY FARMER'S HOME.

Special Agent Col. C. V. R. Pond is Working on New System.

GOOD ROADS ARE A NECESSITY TO GET IT.

Hon. A. B. Darragh Deserves Much Credit for This Good Work.

The work of establishing a county system of R. F. D. mail service is being conducted by Col. C. V. R. Pond, of the U. S. postoffice department, with headquarters at Ithaca. This work will require about three months time, and Mr. Pond will ride over every road in the county, while establishing the system, reporting to the government the condition in which he finds all our roads.

We may now feel reasonably sure of the long talked of county service, in which every farmer in the county will get his mail delivered to him free every day, providing they will do their part in making and keeping good roads. That does not mean roads which are piled full of sod, dumped here and there, nor those full of "chuck" holes with narrow, flat roadways. So it stands the farmer in hand to grade and gravel their roads in a proper shape.

Free delivery is one of the greatest benefits the farmers have today, and it is to their interest, if they wish to retain the system and have it improved, to pay more attention to the improvements of the roads, and do their part.

Gratiot county will be the first in the eleventh district to have general free delivery and it is to Congressman Darragh's influence and persistent work that every farmer in the county will be able to have his mail delivered at his door.

Another important matter in this connection is the condition of the mail boxes along the routes. The postoffice department laws read that, "all holders of boxes on the rural routes SHALL have their names painted on the boxes in good plain letters and kept there." This is for the benefit of the carriers and his deputies when called upon to go over the route, as he is unfamiliar with the owners of the boxes, therefore he cannot deliver the mail if the name is off, and the owner is liable to have his box taken up, and his mail discontinued.

The great bulk of mail matter which is at present handled by the four routes out of Alma, as given in Postmaster Brown's statement for the month of July, shows the extent of the rural mail business, as it is under the present system, and an indication of what it would be under the one now being established.

Will Cure Stomach Ache in Five Minutes! This is just what Painkiller will do. Try it. Have a bottle in the house for instant use, as it will save you hours of suffering. Watch out that the dealer does not sell you an imitation, as the great reputation of Painkiller (Perry Davis'), have induced many people to try to make something to sell, said to be "just as good as the genuine."

## Odd Lot Sale!

All seasonable clothing, just what you want for this time of the year, and we must have the room. All High Grade Garments, light and dark patterns.

## THREE PIECE AND OUTING SUITS

were sold for \$16.50 and \$15.00 now **\$12.50**. A new line of **Black and Blue Worsted and Serges**, \$12. and \$10. grade at **\$7.50**. Good **Serviceable Suits**, \$4.50 to \$7.00.

## Children's Suits.

Broken Lots; no Two Alike, \$5.00, \$4.50 and \$3.75, all to go for **\$2.50**.

## Men's Furnishings.

Special Reduction in Summer Shirts and Straw Hats. All Summer Stiff and Soft Hats, Underwear and Belts.

**1/4 Off**

On all Summer Trousers. All good Patterns. One or two of each Lot. Must be closed out at once. Come early as they won't last long.

## MESSINGER'S

Alma, Mich.

Sole Agents for Stein-Block Clothing, Duchess Trousers, Hawes' Hats.

## YOU SHOULD REMEMBER

When shopping that we are showing the Largest Assortment and Most Complete Lines of Reliable, Up to date Goods in the County

**Dry Goods, Carpets, Ladies' (Tailor Made) Suits, Rugs, Curtains Skirts and Jackets**

All the latest styles in Silk and Wash Waists. No store can offer you a better class of Stylish, Easy fitting **Reliable Wearing Shoes** for men, women and children, no matter what others offer you, or what inducements their advertisements hold forth, you can at all times depend on procuring the **Lowest Price** on Reliable Wearing Goods at our store

"YOUR MONEY'S WORTH OR YOUR MONEY BACK" is our business motto

## F. E. POLLASKY

Alma, Mich.

Leading Dry Goods, Carpet and Shoe House.

## An Old Saying:

"Time and Tide Wait for No Man!"

Neither does the Clothes at our Store, for the first in always gets the pick, so come early. Just to **CLOSE OUT A FEW SIZES** of Broken Lines of **MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS**, we will give

## SOME WONDERFUL REDUCTIONS....

Our **NEW FALL STOCK** is coming in now, and have to make room. We guarantee our Clothing to give you your money's worth. We give good value in every line. We have everything a man wears. A pleasure to show you. Take a look over the stock.

**The Star Clothing Parlor,** OPERA HOUSE BLOCK  
Alma, Mich.  
Leading Clothiers, Furnishers and Merchant Tailors.

## Gasoline Stove Sale.

We are offering our entire line of Gasoline Stoves at prices that will move them. We have a large stock and do not wish to carry them over. The result—our customers will get the benefit. Note these prices:

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| No. 1—Self generator, two burners, and step with two burners, and Russia iron oven, asbestos lined..... | \$14.70 |
| No. 2—The same stove with warming oven added.....   | 16.10   |
| No. 3—Self generator, three-burner and step with two burners and oven, same as No. 1.....               | 16.10   |
| No. 4—Self-generating vapor stove, two burner and step with one burner, oven same as No. 1.....         | 15.40   |
| No. 5—Standard safety two-burner, and step with two-burner, oven same as No. 1.....                     | 14.00   |

We also have the Jewel and Peninsular Steel Ranges. Stoves are our leaders.

**Thompson & Sanderhoff,**  
General Hardware Dealers.

